



Important Dates & Times

Friday, March 23rd, 2018

Living Stations of the Cross

1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

OLM Church

Wednesday, March 28th, 2018

Dress Down Day

Saints & Scholars Fund

\$1 or more

Thursday, March 29th, 2018

Holy Thursday

Half Day Dismissal

11:15 am Buses

11:30 am Walkers

Friday, March 30th, 2018

Good Friday

NO SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, April 6th, 2018

Spring Soiree

Quidnessett Country Club

6pm - 11pm

IN THE NEWS

PTG

Hello OLM Parents— Spring has certainly given us a snowy blanket. We hope that you enjoyed your snow day again.

Spring Soiree RSVP has been extended! Due to our days off from school, we are going to extend the RSVP deadline date to next Wednesday, March 28th. You may send in your RSVP card along with your check made payable to OLM School to the front office, or you may also go **online** to Silent Auction Pro by clicking the link below to purchase your tickets.

<https://www.silentauctionpro.com/onlineticketpurchase.php?groupId=158>

Dress Down Raffle Tickets Sale - Our annual Dress down raffle ticket sale is back by popular demand. This is part of our Spring Soiree fundraiser. The purchase details went home last week. All the kids look forward to this raffle every year, and you might win **one** of three great prizes including an incredible partial tuition voucher if your winning ticket is chosen. We will “pick the winning raffle tickets” at our Spring Soiree on April 6th. A huge thank you to Jaime Pedro for chairing and organizing this for us this year! We hope you have the winning ticket!

Petals for Kids Campaign - Please visit the school to check out our beautiful petal gardens on the hallways of our school! Please continue to send in your donations, as they are all tax deductible. Our gardens are blooming with the names of all our corporate and family donors. Thank you so very much for all your generous donations. A huge thank you to Courtney Cavanagh for all her hard work in chairing our Petals campaign and for creating, by hand, all our beautiful flowers and our gardens!

Square 1 Art - Thank you to all who ordered a Square 1 art piece. Thank you again to Lee Mita for personally chairing and organizing the Square 1 Art for us this year! This is such a great way to have a forever keepsake of your child’s artwork.

Spring Soiree Video: We hope you all had a chance to see our fun Spring Soiree “teaser video” that we sent out via our room parents. Thank you to Maureen Chianese for all her hard work and creativity in putting together this video for you! It is only about a minute long, but it will get you excited for our great night. Plus, it highlights some of our great auction items too. If you did not see it, please contact us, and we will send it out to you.

Thank you!

Lisa Cooper, PTG president

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Library News

READING WEEK IS COMING!

Monday, April 9th - Friday, April 13th

- Grab a plain **white t-shirt** (one large enough to fit over your uniform) and start thinking of how you could design that shirt to display one of your favorite books OR the theme "Reading Rocks." Wait for the specific instructions to come home, but get your thinking cap on now!
- We are excited to welcome **Huga Tuga** (pronounced Hooga Tooga) on Friday, April 13th at our school wide assembly. We will all be wearing our t-shirts (over our uniforms) to the assembly. If you are interested in ordering one of their books, order forms will come home the week before the event.
- We are thrilled to welcome **Mother Goose** to perform for PreK 3 - Kindergarten on Monday, April 9th.
- There will be "**open-mic**" opportunities during all lunch periods. Practice reciting a poem, short story or joke for this opportunity!
- Mark **20-30 minutes of reading** per night on your calendars now for the week of 4/9-4/13/18. Perhaps make it a week to "unplug" for 30 minutes less than normal.
- We will be asking you to keep track of the books you read over the course of the week.
- We are collecting new and gently used books for children AND adults for **McAuley Village**.

THANK YOU for supporting our efforts to put reading FIRST! - Mrs. Cambio

ART SHOW

ART NEWS: Look for ART SHOW VOLUNTEER FORM in your child's backpack today. Please return it to Mrs. Campbell any time before May 9th. Parents, can't do this without you. Thank you.

3rd GRADE EASTER BASKET RAFFLE

Throughout this season of Lent the 3rd graders have been focused on "the three P's" ...praying, penance, and giving to the poor. One way we have decided to help those less fortunate is by having an Easter Basket Raffle. We put together Easter Baskets made up of donations from our classes. **Tickets will be on sale starting Thursday, March 22nd and will be .25 each.** We will announce the winners of the Raffle on Wednesday, March 28th! The proceeds from our raffle will be donated to several groups in need, to be announced. Thank you for your support. Happy Easter!

OLM Middle School Basketball Team

OLM Girls Middle School Basketball Team Advances to the Championship Game!

Please come out and cheer on the OLM Middle School Girls as they play for the CAL State Championship this Saturday March 24th at 10:30am at Bay View Academy! We are very proud and excited for the team, and hope that we can have tremendous OLM School spirit and support in the stands cheering us on. Please wear some OLM gear (basketball shooting shirt, Cross Country or Soccer sweatshirts, gym Sweatshirts....) to represent our awesome school and team! Thanks for your support and hope to see you all at the game!

OLM DRAMA

Dear OLM Families,

OLM's 2018 Mary Poppins, Jr. drama program will begin on **Tuesday, May 1 from 2:30pm-5:00 pm!**

This is a **brand new Disney version** of a wonderful classic show!

All students will be featured in at least **six scenes** throughout the show.

REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, APRIL 2

Registration will begin on Monday, April 2 in stages:

- Grades 4-8: registration open April 2-3
- Grades 2-3: registration open April 4-5
- Grade 1 (if space available): registration open April 6-9

The program will cost \$210 and includes 10 tickets, good for either show.

SHOW AND REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

SHOWS: Saturday, June 10 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, June 11 at 5:00 pm at East Greenwich High School.

After the first week, students can generally expect to be called to rehearsal:

- Leads: 3-5 days/week, 2:30-5:00pm
- Ensemble: 2-3 days/week, 2:30-5:00pm

During "Tech Week," the week before the show, students will rehearse every day, with dress rehearsals on Friday, June 9 3pm-8pm and Saturday, June 10 9am-2pm, both at EGHS.

A more detailed rehearsal schedule will be published every 1-2 weeks, starting May 1.

RHODE ISLAND YOUTH THEATRE STAFF

We are thrilled to introduce the All-Star staff from Rhode Island Youth Theatre who will be directing and working with our children!

Ann O'Grady, Executive Director and Founder of RIYT

Ann O'Grady, the executive director and founder of Rhode Island Youth Theatre, has 40 years of teaching experience and holds a Ph.D. in education from the University of Connecticut. In 1995, she was honored to receive the Milken National Educator Award. In 2009, she was named an RI Fellow by the RI Foundation.

Nancy Hillner, Musical Director

A graduate of Lowell State College (now known as UMass Lowell) with a Bachelor of Music Education degree, Tony-nominee Nancy Hillner made her Broadway debut in the acclaimed comedy *Dance With Me*, followed by an Off-Broadway stint in the convent at *Nunsense*,

where she was the first actress to perform all five roles. She eventually toured the country as a nun with the likes of Phyllis Diller, Dodie Goodman, Jo Anne Worley, and the voice of Ursula, Pat Carroll. Locally, she starred as Dorothy Brock in Theatre-by-the-Sea's production of *42nd St*, she was a longtime member of Charlie Hall's Ocean State Follies and Mixed Nuts, but her favorite production-to-date is her daughter, Amy, who is currently the "Wonderstudy" Off-Broadway in *The Marvelous Wonderettes*.

Brooke Fennell, Co-Director/Choreographer

Brooke Fennell is a rising junior at the University of Rhode Island, where she is pursuing a double major in Public Relations and Communications, along with a Business minor. She has been involved with RIYT for fourteen years and 2018 marks her fifth year in directing and choreographing. Brooke's dance training includes jazz, tap, ballet, contemporary and hip-hop. Her favorite musical roles to date are Elle Woods in *Legally Blonde*, Madame Thénardier in *Les Misérables*, and Gertrude McFuzz in *Seussical*. Most importantly, Brooke's favorite aspect of her job is working with children. She is thrilled to return to OLM to co-direct *Mary Poppins, Jr.*!

Cooper Cardone, Co-Director/Choreographer

Cooper Cardone is a rising senior and actor from North Kingstown High School who has been working and performing for Rhode Island Youth Theatre for 11 years. He plays for the varsity football team at his high school as well as performs in the school's musicals, including playing the Beast in their production of *Beauty and the Beast*. He is voice-trained, plays the piano well, and is looking to pursue theater professionally. Cooper is very experienced with teaching youth theatre and is thrilled to be able to co-direct OLM's *Mary Poppins Jr.* this year!

Liz Paoella, Stage Manager

Liz Paoella is a graduating senior from Rhode Island College with a degree in Secondary Education Social Studies. She is involved in technical theater and also works as a technician for a production company outside of school. Liz has been with Rhode Island Youth Theatre for thirteen years, attending camp as a student and working on staff for her seventh summer. She is excited to work with the students from OLM as RIYT puts on their first production of *Mary Poppins, Jr.*!

Abigail McMahon, RIYT Intern

Abby McMahon is a rising sophomore at Bentley University, where she is pursuing a major in Finance and a liberal studies major in Ethics and Social Responsibility. Abby has been performing with RIYT for seven years. Her favorite roles include Eponine in *Les Miserables* and Nancy in *Oliver!* Additionally, she has been taking dance, voice, and acting lessons for most of her life. After college, Abby plans on continuing to combine her love of theatre and business, and looks forward to any opportunities that merge these areas.

**If you have any questions, please contact an OLM drama volunteer
at olm.drama@yahoo.com.**

From the Principal

Congratulations to Mrs. Mary Ryan, Mr. Ryan Cleary and Mr. William Lippe!

Mrs. Ryan will be retiring after 25 amazing years at OLM. She will be welcoming her first grandchild in September! She will be caring for her grandson three days a week, and will make herself available to substitute whenever possible.

Mr. Ryan Cleary is expecting "Baby Cleary #2" this May. He will be leaving OLM to be the primary caretaker for his two young children as his wife, Dr. Erin Cleary, continues to pursue a career in Maternal Fetal Medicine.

Mr. Lippe will also be leaving OLM. Having served more than 15 years in Catholic education, as both an administrator and classroom teacher, Mr. Lippe is exploring his career options so as to secure the best long-term path for himself and his family.

While we've been blessed to have these dutiful Catholic educators with us at OLM, we wish them all of God's blessings and entrust them to Our Mother to guide and protect them as they discover God's plan for their future.

Middle School NYC Field Trip Reminder

A reminder to parents of 7th and 8th grade students participating in the day trip to NYC on Friday, May 18, that completed permission slips should be given to home room teachers by tomorrow, Friday, March 23rd, so that Adventure Student Travel, the tour company managing the trip, can properly estimate the cost. Thanks for your assistance in this matter.

Applications for Little Saints & Scholars Pre K3 Program

Dear OLM Community,

We are pleased to announce that there is still time to apply and a few seats available for the 2018/19 school year in our "Little Saints & Scholars" Pre K Program for Three Year Olds! Registration is now open online, and applications are currently being accepted. Space for this program is Very Limited, so register early! Please visit our website at olmschool.org under ADMISSIONS; HOW TO APPLY to complete an on-line application to begin the admission process. Please call or email Mrs. Kimberly Izzi, Admissions Coordinator if you need any assistance. Thanks.

Please find attached the flyer for our new program. Feel free to share with friends and family!

[Saints %26amp; Scholars Open House Flyer.pdf](#)

Prayers & Petitions

Please pray for healing and comfort for an OLM parent who is facing difficulty in the days to come.

Mission Statement

Our Mission at Our Lady of Mercy School is to follow the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church as we pursue excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts. In the midst of a safe and nurturing environment, we seek to develop a good moral character built upon the teachings of the Catholic Church. We strive to be Saints and Scholars who serve the evangelical mission of our parish so that Mercy may flourish.